English

YEAR 10

**Macbeth**

***By the end of Act I, we as the audience are aware of many elements of this story:***

***The political situation in Scotland, Duncan’s position, the significance of the key players (Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Banquo, the Witches). As a way of demonstrating your understanding of the play, I’d like you to make a presentation.***

1. Write a diary entry, for the night that Duncan arrives to stay at Macbeth’s castle, for the following characters:
   * Duncan
   * Macbeth
   * Lady Macbeth
   * Banquo

Obviously, the intention is that you use the entry to demonstrate your understanding of ***what is going on in the minds of the main players.***

Each entry should be one to two paragraphs.

1. Imagine Duncan, Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, sitting at dinner. Each person would be thinking, speaking and feeling a particular way. (We’ll discuss this further before you begin.) Try to imagine how the thoughts, words and feelings would be different for each of these characters. Write a brief description of these three states for each of the characters, with evidence from the text.
2. With the same three characters, imagine how each of them would have viewed their future:
   * In 24 hours
   * In 6 months
   * In two years

Be prepared to explain and justify what you have written.

1. In groups: find the **text references** that give you the answers to these questions: Note, your answers need to be in detail.
   * How was it possible for the witches to so quickly bring Macbeth around to their way of thinking?
     + What was important about his character?
     + What other factors are they aware will come into play?
   * What is the nature of the warning that Banquo tries to give Macbeth?
   * What is Lady Macbeth prepared to give up to have the throne?
   * What is Macbeth prepared to give up to have the throne?
   * How does Duncan feel about Macbeth?
   * What is it that the witches actually want?
   * What does Macbeth actually want?

**Due Date: this work needs to be submitted by each person by the end of our double period on Thursday 23/2.**

Any problems should be addressed in class or referred to me at [kel@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:kel@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au) no later than 24 hours before the due date.

